

In order to serve the public interest well, the sources of public information must not be presided over by one or even a few private vested interests. The only way of ensuring accurate and critical information in a democratic context is to diversify the sources of information. Laws that prevent a single corporation from owning multiple media outlets in the same geographic area is an example of such insurance. The oppressor is NOT regulation in the public interest. Rather, if there is an oppressor here it is precisely the forces at work to silence considerations of the public interest in the name of "deregulation." Please do not seek to overturn the laws that prohibit the same company from owning both a newspaper and a TV station in the same geographic area, and do not overturn laws that limit the percent of the national audience that a single cable company can reach. -Wendell Kisner, Ph.D.